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SUBJECT: KHMER MISSION TO AFRICA

REF: PHNOM PENH 5172, TOKYO 5582

1. KHMER DELEGATION CALLED ON ME APRIL 29 TO DISCUSS CURRENT AFRICAN TRIP. THEY ARE SPENDING SEVERAL DAYS IN ABIDJAN TO TAKE SOUNDINGS FROM FRIENDLY EMBASSIES (ROC, ROK, JAPAN, AND US) AND HAVE CALLS SCHEDULED APRIL 30 ON TWO FONMIN OFFICIALS. (UNFORTUNATELY AMBASSADOR SUM VADHANAYU'S ATTEMPT TO CALL ON FORMIN USHER FAILED, AS LATTER DEPARTED APRIL 30 FOR HOME TOWN FOR FUNERAL). KOUN WICK AND SUM VADHANAYU WILL TRAVEL TO FREETOWN MAY 2 ON GH 542 TO CALL ON GOSL, AND FROM THERE TO MONROVIA MAY 5 (GH 547) TO MEET WITH LIBERIAN OFFICIALS.

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2. WITH RESPECT GHANA VISIT, I TOLD KHMER OFFICIALS WE WILL

ADVISE THEM SHOULD WE RECEIVE ANY CLARIFICATION GHANAIAN ATTITUDE FROM EMBASSY ACCRA. THEY REPLIED THAT, SO FAR AS THEY CONCERNED, ESSENTIAL IS FOR FORMIN KEUKY LIM TO BE RECEIVED WHEN HE MAKES AFRICA TRIP IN JULY; THEY SAY THEY ALREADY HAVE APPROVAL FOR THIS FROM GOG. (ACCRA 2341 JUST RECEIVED WILL INFORM GKR DELEGATION.)

3. RE NIGERIA, DELEGATION UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY IT UNABLE TO BE RECEIVED WHEN CHAN YOURAN HAD BEEN ABLE TO VISIT JUST LAST MONTH. IT HOPED OBTAIN FURTHER NEWS DURING MEETING WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR INADA THIS MORNING. (INADA TOLD ME LATER THAT HE PASSED ON TO KHMER ACCOUNT OF JAPANESE AMBASSADOR LAGOS MEETING RECENTLY WITH ASIAN SECTION CHIEF OF NIGERIAN FONMIN. LATTER SAID REPORTEDLY HE IS SYMPATHY WITH KHMER REQUEST AND THAT, IF KHMER MAKE NEW APPLICATION FOR VISAS, "REQUEST WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE CONSIDERED IN UNFRIENDLY MANNER" OR SOME SORT OF SIMILAR DOUBLE-TALK. INADA SAID KHMER AGREED TO TRY TODAY OR TOMORROW CONTACT NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR HERE TO SUBMIT NEW APPLICATIONS.)

4. SUM VADHANAYU WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN TUNISIAN SITUATION IN VIEW OF MASMOUDI'S DEPARTURE FROM SCENE. HE SAID HE ENJOYS GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH VARIOUS TUNISIAN LEADERS. WHEN HE VISITED THERE LAST YEAR HE WAS WELL RECEIVED BUT THEN THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT PLACED NEW PRESSURES ON TUNISIA, WHICH ACCORDED RECOGNITION SIHANOUK REGIME. HE NOW THINKS THAT WITH MASMOUDI OUT, HE MAY HAVE CHANCE OF PERSUADING GOT NOT TO BREAK WITH SIHANOUK BUT TO RECOGNIZE GKR, AS WELL. SUM VADHANAYU WOULD APPRECIATE ANY IMPRESSIONS EMBASSY TUNIS MAY HAVE ON QUESTION. UPON HIS RETURN TO PARIS, SUM VADHANAYU WILL RESUME CONTACT WITH TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR THERE TO MAKE TRIP ARRANGEMENTS.

5. SIMILARLY, KHMER WOULD LIKE BE ABLE PERSUADE EGYPTIANS TO TAKE NEUTRAL STAND ON CONTENDING CAMBODIAN PARTIES, RESULTING IN ABSTENTION IN UN VOTE IN FALL.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL PASS ON RESULTS OF KHMER MEETINGS WITH IVORIAN OFFICIALS ONCE THEY ARE CONCLUDED. INCIDENTALLY, JAPANESE EMBOFF ADVISES GOJ'S INSTRUCTIONS REFER TO KOUN WICK'S MEETING IN PARIS WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AND TELL EMBASSIES NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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TO GET TOO FAR OUT ON A LIMB FOR KHMER.

7. FOR FREETOWN: KHMER FEAR THEIR TELEX ANNOUNCING ARRIVAL YOUR LOCATION MAY NOT BE RECEIVED BY GOSL IN TIME AND, IF YOU SEE NO OBJECTION, REQUEST YOU TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT OF THEIR ETA. THEY WOULD ALSO BE VERY APPRECIATIVE IF YOU COULD RESERVE TWO SINGLES FOR THEM AT A HOTEL. PLEASE ADVISE.
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